

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Improper person cannot pretend to be and behave like the right person without the use of a password. Authentication apparatus comprises an authentication information receiving unit for receiving an authentication information held by each of a plurality of articles for authentication from each of the plurality of articles for authentication carried by a right person, and at the same time communicating with at least one article for authentication by radio, and a personal authentication unit for performing the personal authentication process using the plurality of authentication information received by the authentication information receiving unit. The article for authentication is, for example, an IC card and an IC tag attached to a portable article carried by the right person.